(c) if so, what steps have been taken to plan and put in place arrangements and systems to mobilize medical and para medical assistance and relief to meet the requirements of large scale disasters; and

(d) the details of any Response Plan in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The National Disaster Management Authority has undertaken the task of preparation of guidelines to address the issues of medical preparedness and mass casuality management in the event of natural and man-made disasters.

(b) As per available information, some States have their own disaster management plans.

(c) The State Government have been advised to raise specialist response teams trained and equipped *inter alia* in medical first response. The guidelines of National Disaster Management Authority would also help the States in the preparation of their disaster management plans.

(d) Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has prepared an Emergency Support Function Plan, 2006 which relates to deployment of resources in the event of natural or man-made disasters. The plan identifies nodal officers for the purpose of coordination, crisis management committee, quick response teams at headquarters and field level. The plan also identifies the field officers, resource inventory for manpower, services, material & equipment and laboratory support.

Setting up of outposts/camps on the Indian-Bhutan Borders

2788. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government propose to consider Defence strategy and internal security on Indo-Bhutan Border area and set up Military Out Posts/camps on regular basis at Samrang at the end of MANGALDAI-BHUTIACHANGSAMRANG road in Darrang-Udalguri District and at Suban-Khata at the end of TIHU-DOOMINI-SUBAN KHATA road in Barpeta District in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has been deployed as the Border Guarding Force (BGF) on the India-Bhutan border on a

regular basis for effective border management and security. SSB is in the process of establishing its BOPs along the India-Bhutan border including at Samrang and Suban-Khata.

Mobile phones for BSF jawans

2789. SHRI BALAVANT *Alias* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide mobile phones to the BSF jawans posted at the border;

(b) if so, by when the said action is likely to be taken;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to provide rations, allowances and leave to BSF jawans, at par with such facilities available to the army jawans; and

(d) if so,by when such proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As sanctioned by the Government, BSF has provided mobile telephones to Border Out Posts covered by mobile telephone services;

(c) and (d) Parity already exists in case of ration money allowance whenever CPFs, including BSF personnel are posted along side or ahead of the Army and in the matter of leave, for the personnel posted in field formations.

Enhancement in allowances of BSF personnel is considered by the Government from time to time taking into account the conditions in which they work.

Chaotic situation due to water logging in Delhi

2790. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the chaotic situation in Delhi when most of the storm water drains were chocked on 18th July 2006 when only 20 m.m. of rainfall was recorded;